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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 9, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.